

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-194-C - ORDER NO. 2001-646
JULY 9, 2001

IN RE: Application of Viatel, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina.) ORDER CANCELLING) CERTIFICATE AND) WITHDRAWING) TARIFF
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") by way of the request of Viatel, Inc. ("Viatel" or the "Company") for an order canceling its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and granting Viatel leave to withdraw its associated tariff. The Commission granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Viatel to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina by Order No. 97-2 issued January 2, 1997.

The senior vice president and general counsel of Viatel filed with the Commission on May 14, 2001, Viatel's request for withdrawal of the Company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for withdrawal of its recorded tariff. Viatel states that the Company and its U.S. subsidiaries filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on May 2, 2001, and in conjunction with this filing, Viatel discontinued all services in the United States. Additionally, Viatel states that the Company was unable to give prior notification to its customers due to the rapidity of events relating to the Chapter 11 filing. Viatel, does however, advise that customer inquiries may be directed to

the Company's website (www.viatel.com) for information concerning the discontinuance of service and the process for selecting a new long distance carrier. Additionally, Viatel states that it has contacted Database Service Management, Inc. ("DSMI") in regards to its toll-free service customers, and has authorized DSMI to transfer the toll-free numbers of Viatel customers to any new provider that is requested by the customers, and Viatel provides a number for DSMI's help desk for customers switching their toll-free service. Viatel also seeks to withdraw and cancel its presently filed and effective tariff.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of Viatel to cancel its Certificate and withdraw its tariff should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate resold telecommunications services, authorized by Order No. 97-2, dated January 2, 1997 issued in the instant Docket is hereby cancelled, and the tariff filed by Viatel is withdrawn.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director
(SEAL)